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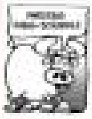
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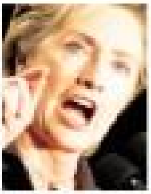
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By Amando Doronila

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SCAVENGER Glenford Estrada sorts garbage in a dump near the Meycauayan River in Barangay Calvario, Meycauayan City in Bulacan.

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Horse-trading for 2010 begins

GMA adviser to start talks with admin partners on 'what is best' for all

PREPARATIONS FOR THE 2010 PRESIDENTIAL race will begin in earnest this month and the key word is "coalition-building"— a euphemism for political horse-trading.

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Online gamers summit slated

GAMEi MAGAZINE, A HINGE Inquirer Publications, is holding the 2008 Philippine Online Gaming Summit: Reroll on Jan. 12 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at [illegible] Trinoma mall in Quezon City.

Gamers of all ages of popular online games are expected. Live bands, cosplay shows and a free seminar for [illegible] are on tap.

POGS 2008: Reroll continues GAMEi's summits that began in 2005. Other sponsors are PC Express and level with partners Level Up, e-Games, Z-zone, [illegible], Trinoma and Philippine Daily Inquirer. Log on to www.gameimagazine.ph, e-mail [illegible] or call tel. 758-2024 ext. 116 for more gaming news.

Prizes include a gaming PC and a Nintendo Wii. The November 2007 or December-January 2008 issues of GAMEi Magazine will serve as entry tickets.

'Subprime' chosen Word of the Year

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Word of the Year at its annual convention on Friday.

"Subprime" has been around with bankers for awhile, but now everyone is talking about 'subprime,'" said Wayne Glowka, a spokesperson for the group and dean at Reinhardt College in Waleska, Georgia. "It's affecting all kinds of people in all kinds of places."

About 90 members of the organization spent two days debating the merits of runners-up "Facebook," "green," "Googleganger" and "waterboarding" before voting for an adjective that means "a risky or less than ideal loan, mortgage or investment."

The choice signifies the public's concern for a "deepening mortgage crisis," the society said in a statement.

'Younger linguists' choice

"Facebook," as a noun, verb or adjective, was popular with younger linguists, Glowka said.

Several people lobbied for 'green,' which "designates environmental concern," but the term has been around for years, according to Glowka. The word topped the 2007 "Most Useful" category, one of numerous subgroups the society chooses.

The group also decided that although "waterboarding," an interrogation technique that simulates drowning, gained a lot of attention during recent attorney general confirmation hearings, it was a bigger deal in 2004, Glowka said.

But what's a "Googleganger?"

A play on "doppelganger," the word is "a person with your name who shows up when you Google yourself," according to the society.

Google-related

Glowka said he counted many Google-related words.

"Just Google 'Google' and you'll turn them up," he said. The ghostly double of a word won the 2007 "Most Creative" designation.

As for "subprime," Glowka said it was an odd word—at least as far as linguists were concerned.

The prefix "sub" translates roughly to "below the standard," while "prime" means something close to "the best."

So, according to Glowka, the word really means "far below the best."

"People were saying that students were referring to their work, 'I'm going to subprime this; I'm going to mess it up,'" he said.

The American Dialect Society, founded in 1889, comprises linguists, grammarians, historians and scholars, among others. It began choosing words of the year in 1990 for fun, not in an official capacity to induct words into the English language.

In 2006, the organization chose "plutoed," which means "to be demoted or devalued." AP

Civil eng'r grads to bring exam-retake protest to CA

By Margaux C. Ortiz

A GROUP OF CIVIL ENGINEERING GRADUATES is set to file today a petition asking the Court of Appeals to stop the Professional Regulation Commission (PRC) from pushing through with the scheduled retake of licensure examinations on Jan. 12.

Jobert Pabilga, lawyer of the group, said their petition for a temporary restraining order and preliminary injunction was supposed to be filed last Wednesday but they decided to await the results of the PRC investigation into allegations of cheating in one of three subjects in the exams given Nov. 17 and 18 last year.

"We were informed the PRC would issue a resolution on their investigation last Friday so we decided to postpone the filing," Pabilga said in a phone interview with the Inquirer.

"How could the PRC push through with the retake when it has yet to conclude its investigation?" Pabilga said. The commission had summoned some civil engineering graduates from the University of the East to answer questions regarding the November examinations only last Monday, he added.

Pabilga said the petition was signed by 12 students from different civil engineering schools all over the country. He said they had received overwhelming support from the deans of different engineering schools who likewise expressed dismay at the PRC's retake order.

On Nov. 26, the PRC announced it had nullified the test results for two of the three subjects—Hydraulics and Geotechnical Engineering and Structural Engineering and Construction—because it found the unusually high grades of the examinees "statistically improbable."

During the tests, two examinees were caught with cell phones that contained answers to 30 questions, 21 of which turned out to be correct.

In an earlier petition, more than 200 examinees asked the PRC to reconsider its decision and immediately release the results of the board examinations.

The examinees described the PRC's decision as "[illegible]," arguing that the questions involved basic and elementary concepts that all engineering graduates should know.

"There is no law, or any rule, regulation, resolution or memorandum issued by the honorable commission that makes an 'unusually high grade/rating' a ground for nullifying examination results," they said.

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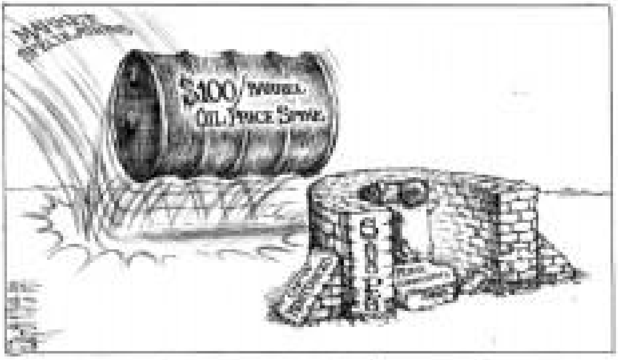
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Across the NATION

81 seized luxury cars 'undervalued'

CEBU CITY—ASIDE FROM THE QUESTIONABLE REGISTRATIONS covering 81 luxury vehicles seized recently in Makati City, officials of the Presidential Anti-Smuggling Group (PASG) have discovered documents indicating that these could be undervalued.



CHILD-FRIENDLY CITY!

Priest returns home after being trapped in tribal fight

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Cancer

Sumilao farmers seek stop to piggery project

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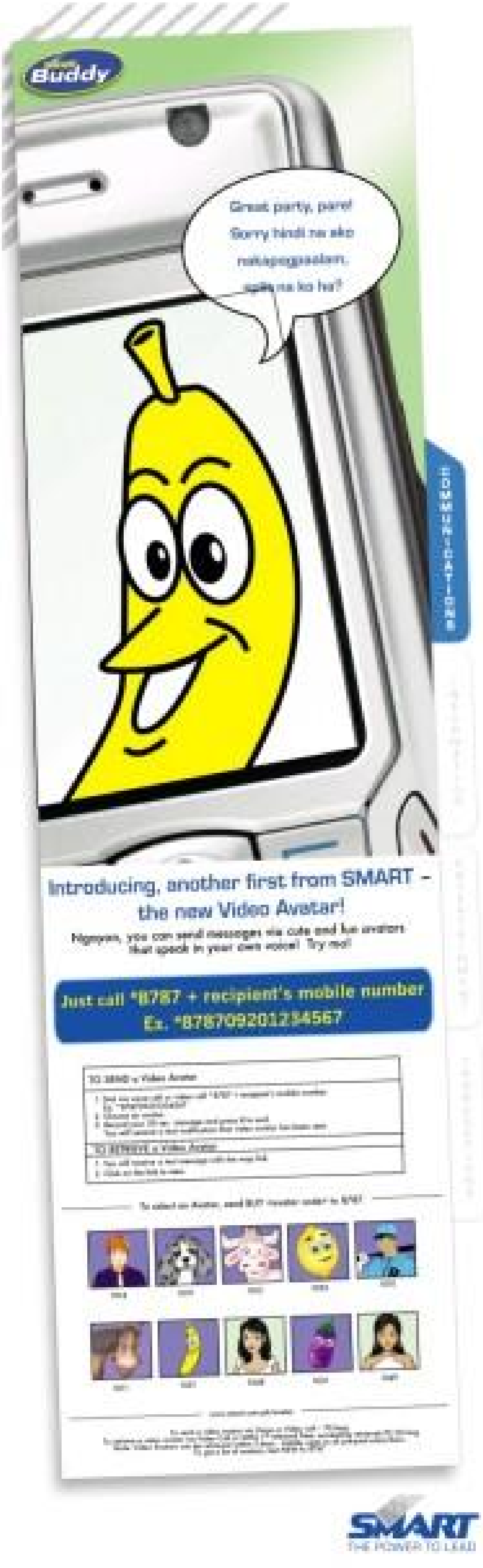
HOUSING for Pampanga's poor is the top agenda during a meeting among Gov. Eddie Panlilio (left), Mabalacat Mayor Marino Morales and Gawad Kalinga champion Antonio Meloto.

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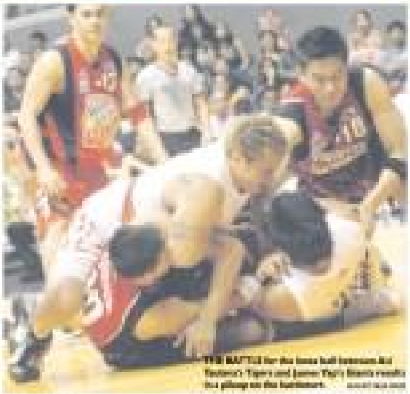
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LAST HURRAH
Children enjoying the last day of the long holiday break demonstrate the many ways of having fun on a slide at the Quezon Memorial Circle in Quezon City.

QC fire leaves 100 families homeless

By Marlon Ramos

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Group calls for closure of 2 dumps

By Kristine L. Alave

AN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP IS CALLING FOR the closure of the two dumps in Rodriguez, Rizal, which are located near the Umiray watershed, one of Metro Manila's sources of drinking water.

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US eyes new covert push in Pakistan



WASHINGTON—PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH'S senior national security advisers are debating whether to expand the authority of the CIA and the military to conduct far more aggressive covert operations in the tribal areas of Pakistan.

After Bhutto, danger looms for crisis-hit Pakistan



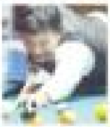
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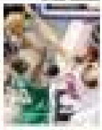


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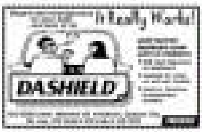
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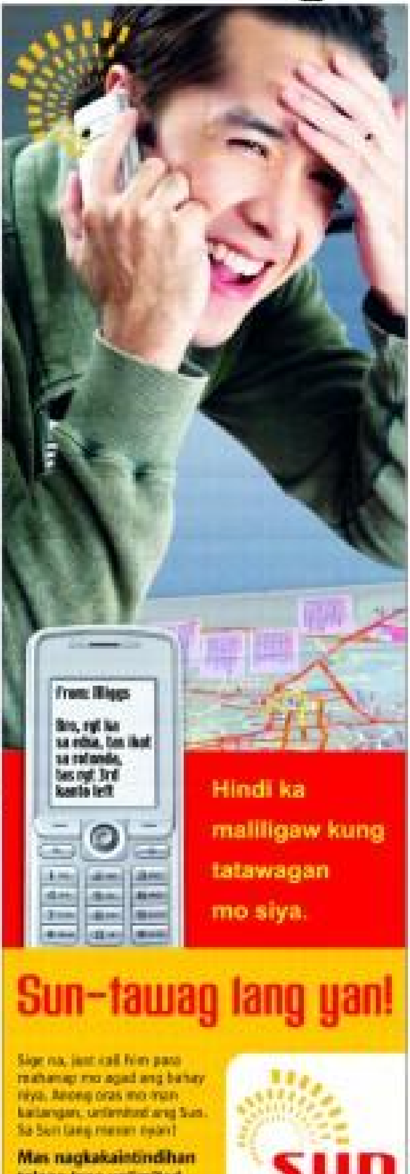
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Bardon stops Japanese fighter in first round

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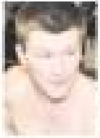
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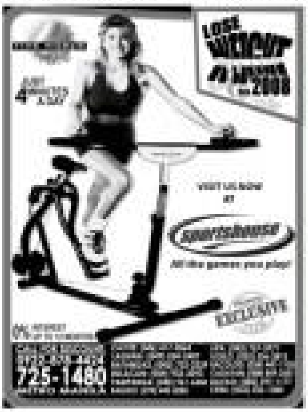


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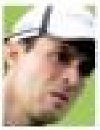


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Lower trigger prices for oil tariff cut set



THERE is a growing concern among mining insiders and foreign investors about the physical safety of what is hoped to grow into a multibillion-dollar industry.

Security risks, red tape hobble mining boom

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Finance says no revenue loss for gov't

THE GOVERNMENT HAS MOVED TO LOWER the trigger prices for a tariff cut on imported oil following President Macapagal-Arroyo's directive to mitigate the impact of soaring crude prices on the local economy.

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BSP says low inflation to temper peso's rise

By Doris C. Dumlao





Cebu Pacific raising ₱12.87B from IPO

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GMA 7 posts 11-month profit of ₱2.28B



Analysts bullish, cautious on stock offers in '08



Transco awards ₱3-B contract to Hyundai

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BPO sector poised for growth in '08 despite weak economy

By Ronnel W. Domingo

Firms to increase spending on outsourcing, survey says

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Study bares 11 BPO sites outside MM



The Philippines earns over P3 billion annually from the outsourcing and offshoring industry, with most of the players located in Metro Manila

By Riza T. Olchondra

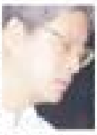
THERE IS NO MORE QUESTION THAT the Philippines is a prime location for outsourced services, tasks for which a company hires another firm to do, and for offshore services, so called because the services are contracted to a company located outside the country where the firm is headquartered.

A study by the Institute for Development and Econometric Analysis Inc. (Idea) said that the Philippines is earning over P3 billion annually from the outsourcing and offshoring industry, with most of the players located in Metro Manila.

As these companies expand to cope with exponential growth, rental rates and labor costs skyrocket in Metro Manila, the study said. This raises the pressure to find new locations where there is enough labor pool.

The well-known alternatives are Baguio City, Clark and Subic in Pampanga, Cavite City, Sta. Rosa in Laguna and Lipa in Batangas. These are certainly easy to reach from Manila, with good infrastructure and connectivity to boot. But what of others?

Idea chief Cayetano Paderanga Jr., former director general of the National Economic and Development Authority, said that outsourcing and offshoring companies have 11 other sites to consider.



CAYETANO PADERANGA JR.

Up north, Tuguegarao City and Cabanatuan City were found to be viable alternatives to Baguio.

Going to the Visayas, the Bayan-commissioned study showed Iloilo, Bacolod, Cadiz, Dumaguete and Leyte to be the best sites south of Batangas.

Further down south, Davao City, Cagayan de Oro City, Iligan City and South Cotabato are giving Metro Manila a run for its money.

"What these locations offer are relatively lower cost of doing business, minimal minimum wage, and population density compared with Metro Manila. While Manila still have more graduates in offshoring-related fields who are fluent in English, these locations have enough English-speaking graduates to sustain supply. They may even offer less attrition because the young graduates would be employed near the home, unlike their counterparts in Metro Manila," Paderanga said.

He noted that in general, the alternative sites present minimal business risks from natural calamities and crime.

In the end, though, studies can only serve as guides and it is up to outsourcing and offshoring businesses to check out the alternative sites for themselves, said Paderanga.

"We cannot endorse a certain location. The company has to look through the data and decide where it will actually locate for a suitable site. The Philippines has many locations to choose from, even some with tourist attractions thrown in as a plus-factor. The important thing is that alternative sites are maximized to sustain supply for this fast growing industry and at the same time spread development outside Metro Manila," he said.

The study was commissioned by Bayan Telecommunications Inc., a local phone company which offers telecommunications products and services geared for outsourcing and offshoring companies.

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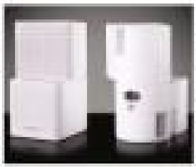


BOSE'S Lifestyle V30 package allows for a clutter-free living room layout.

By Charles E. Buban



THE LIFESTYLE V30 integrates with HDTV and components such as DVD players, cable/satellite boxes, DVRs, MP3 players and gaming consoles.



JUST 4.5-inch high, Bose's Jewel Cube speakers could deliver the crispness and punch of much larger speakers.

Four speakers

Calibration system

Gates' tech predictions seen to be often off



BOSTON—FOR THE 10TH TIME BILL GATES WILL INAUGURATE the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas by touting new Microsoft Corp. products and describing his view of the future of computing.

Before you rush to the edge of your seat, consider this: Gates is a mediocre prognosticator.

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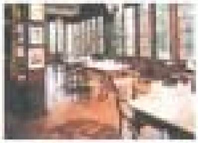
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Rarest of pearls

Two handsome art books illustrate the global excellence of Philippine craftsmanship

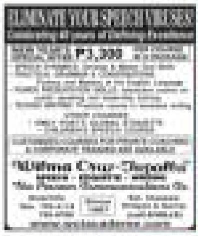


A FITTING WELCOME TO 2009 is to visually feast on two luxurious books that place Philippine art and craftsmanship traditions in their rightful place of excellence within the global setting, "Pearl of the Orient: The Philippines in a Shell" by José María Cariño and Sonia Ner, and "Asian Furniture" edited by Peter Moss.



THE 19TH-CENTURY Grand Salon of Café Batavia recreates Indonesia's colonial past.









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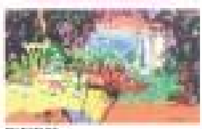


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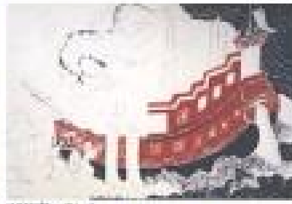


De Guzman at BlueWings



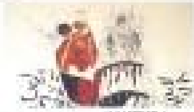
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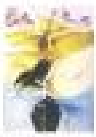




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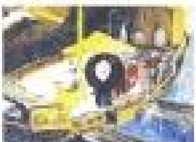




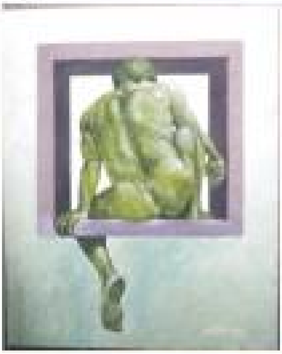
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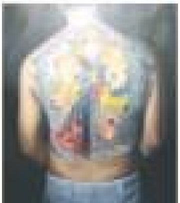


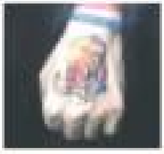
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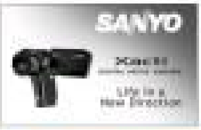




Tribute to the tattoo

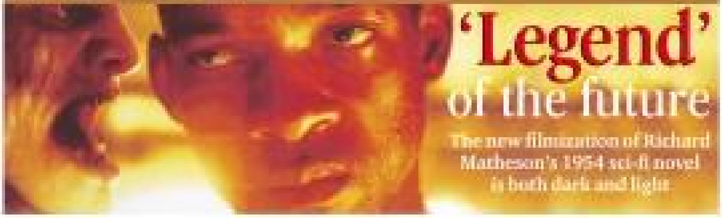






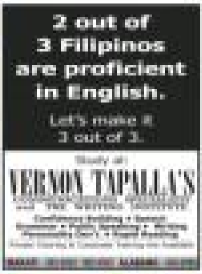


FROM BOOK TO FILM



'Legend' of the future

The new filmization of Richard Matheson's 1954 sci-fi novel is both dark and light



By [illegible]
Contributor

VIEWERS WELL DO WELL TO redefine their expectations from the Will Smith starrer "I am Legend."

In this update of the Richard Matheson influential 1954 novel [illegible]

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Deviations

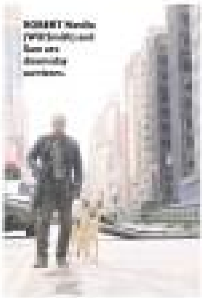
Deviations are obvious. "Legend" the movie [illegible]

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DIRECTOR Francis Lawrence



ROBERT Neville (Will Smith) and Sam are [illegible] survivors.

A drama novela by CARLO J. CAPARAS

To have and to hold

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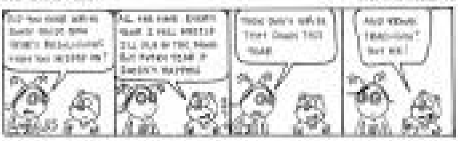
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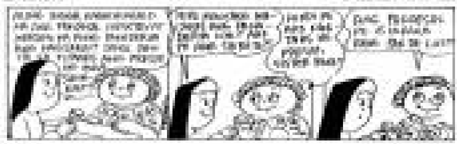
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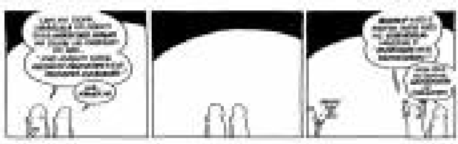
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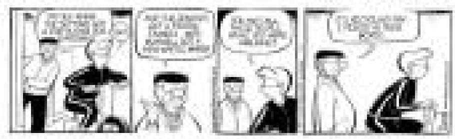


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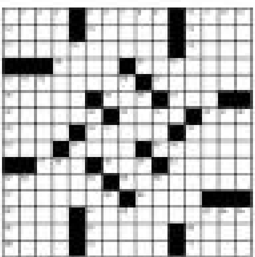
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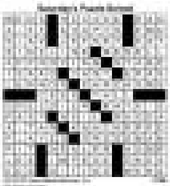


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Saturday's Puzzle Solved



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CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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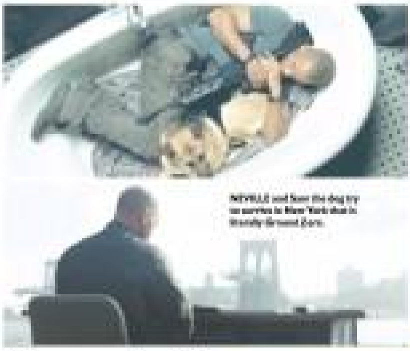
HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Tips and program at www.sudoku.com

Answer to previous puzzle

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NEVILLE and Sam the dog try to survive in New York that is [illegible]

UST Varsitarian marks 80th year with Mass, grand reunion

THE VARSITARIAN, the official student organ of the University of Santo Tomas (UST) and the country's oldest and most respected Catholic campus paper, is marking this year its 80th anniversary.

The Varsitarian has produced some of the country's top writers, artists, educators, thinkers and media professionals. It is the only student paper to have an entry in the Cultural Center of the Philippines (CCP) Encyclopedia for the Arts.

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'Legend' of the future

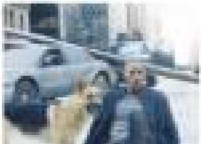
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Opening across the Philippines on Jan. [illegible], "I Am Legend" is distributed by Warner Bros. Pictures, a Warner Bros. Entertainment Company.



ALICE Braga as Anna



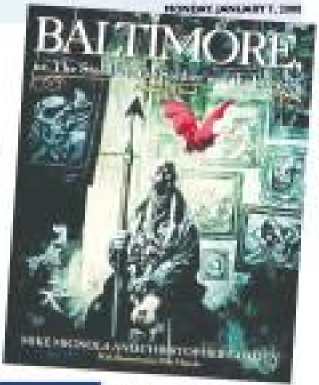
NEVILLE and Sam are constantly on guard against the vampire "dark-seekers."

Fearful symmetry

By Ruel S. De Vera



The novel is classic horror from modern masters, among them the creator of 'Hellboy'



Vintage

Book celebrates coffee in RP



PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER

LIFESTYLE

'Mini-opera season' unfolds January

UST Conservatory to mount P5-million production of Strauss' "Die Fledermaus" (The Bat)



Miracle *in Shanghai*



Tanghalang Pilipino's 'Himala, The Musical' triumphs in the 2007 Asian Contemporary Festival in Shanghai, China

By Dennis N. Marasigan
Contributor

"WHY ARE Filipinos very good performers, especially in music?"

"Maybe because we are blessed with it."

This was the answer given by choreographer Jose Jay Cruz to a question from a Chinese member of the audience at the talkback following the last performance of Tanghalang Pilipino's production of "Himala, The Musical" at the 2007 Asian Contemporary Festival in Shanghai, China.

Afterwards, some other audience members shyly admitted they were moved to tears by the performance. Others were more openly ecstatic.

The Festival, which originated in Osaka, Japan but has been organized by the Shanghai Dramatic Arts Center for the last three years, finally got a Filipino theater group to participate, thanks in a large part to the efforts of the Philippine Consulate in Shanghai headed by Consul General Ma. Rowena Sanchez and Consul Athena Mendoza-Esas.

After submitting several plays for consideration, Tanghalang Pilipino's production of the musical based on the landmark film by National Artist Ishmael Bernal was selected.

Downsized production

Getting the production to Shanghai was in itself almost a miracle. After its premiere at the 200-seater Tanghalang Batute (CCP Studio Theater) in 2003, "Himala, The Musical" moved to the 421-seat Tanghalang Aurelio Tolentino (CCP Little Theater) in 2004. For the Shanghai festival, the organizers could only accommodate a 12-man touring company. The venue would be a flexible space configured for a maximum of 300 viewers.

The challenge at the outset was how to downsize the production. Director Soxie Topacio, composer and lyricist Vince de Jesus, and choreographer Cruz went about the task, mindful of maintaining the integrity of the original production's vision. Production designer Ozzy Dizon also modified his design to fit the festival venue.

The result was a running time reduced from its original two-and-a-half hours to one hour and 45 minutes, with a cast of 11 actors and one technical person. The minimalist set consisted of a fiberglass tree and some twigs.

Original cast members May Bayot, who played Elsa, plus Ivy Alvarez (Nimia), Cynthia Culig (Chayong), and others signed up for the Shanghai performances. Lionel Guiriz, who originated the role of the priest, stepped up to play Orly the filmmaker.

Jay Cruz was prevailed upon to do double duty as Pilo. Similarly, stage manager was assigned several roles. They were joined by Tanghalang Pilipino Actors Company members, each of whom had also been in the last staging. I was the Tour Manager and Technical Director.

During the preview at the CCP before the company's departure for China, audience members who had seen previous stagings noted that the new version seemed more compact, yet was still gripping. Despite the good feedback, the company still continued to fine-tune the performance right up to departure date.



In Shanghai, with only 12 hours allotted for setup, stage adjustments and rehearsals, the company was in good spirits at curtain time, more so since there were more Chinese than Filipinos in the audience. Would the non-Filipino speakers catch on through the projected Chinese subtitles?

Overwhelming response

The audience response at the end of the opening night performance was overwhelming. As if reserving their applause till the very end, the seated audience rose to their feet, a scenario that did not come often, we were told. The Chinese who watched that evening were as lavish in their praises as the Filipinos who came.

The organizers themselves expressed their thanks to the company for a splendid performance by extending an invitation to next year's festival right there and then.

Not completely satisfied with the performance, the company went back to the theater the following afternoon for additional rehearsals and their efforts were rewarded by the warm response of a more diverse audience on the second performance.

Gauging from the questions and comments from the audience during the talkback portion, all except one of which came from non-Filipinos, the language barrier seemed non-existent. The Filipinos in the audience, most of whom were conversant in Chinese, shared not only their comments but also the positive comments from the Chinese that they had overheard.

They added that "Himala, The Musical" not only made them proud of being Filipino, but added spice to their otherwise stationary and uneventful daily routines. And, as if in chorus, they said they looked forward to more performances by Filipino groups in Shanghai and watching Filipino plays when they get back to the Philippines.

"Himala, The Musical," by Ricky Lee (libretto and lyrics) and Vince de Jesus (lyrics and music), with direction by Soxie Topacio, was performed by Tanghalang Pilipino at the Shanghai Dramatic Arts Center Drama Salon on Nov. 22 and 23 as part of the 2007 Asian Contemporary Theater Festival. Billed as "The Creative Asia" but not limited to Asian theater groups, the festival ran from Nov. 8 to 30 and featured 31 performances from 21 groups coming from 11 countries and territories.

Aside from the Philippines and China, other countries represented included Korea, Singapore, Turkey, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Australia, Spain and Hungary.

Rep mounts 'Tuesdays with Morrie'







Tenor Gary del Rosario slates homecoming concert





REPORT CARD

Best shows of the last quarter

By Amadis Ma. Guerrero
Contributor





Ravel, Franck

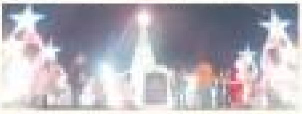
'Into the Woods'

Choral concerts

Filipino Christmas spirit celebrated







Architects, interior designers launch professional awareness campaign





DIRECTOR Floy Quintos

'Mini-opera season' . . .

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ENTERTAINMENT

Editor: Emmie G. Velarde



Are they or aren't they?

Seems many people–managers, network bosses, siblings (throw in superstition, too)–have a say

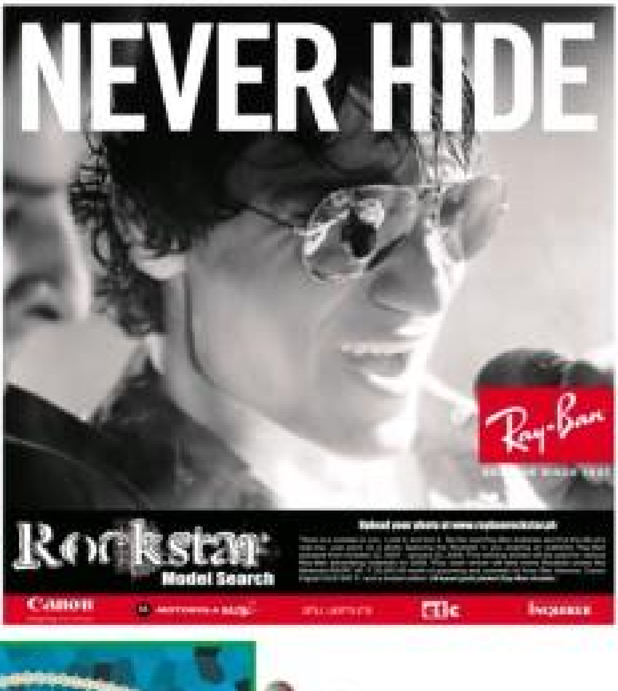
By Bayani San Diego Jr.

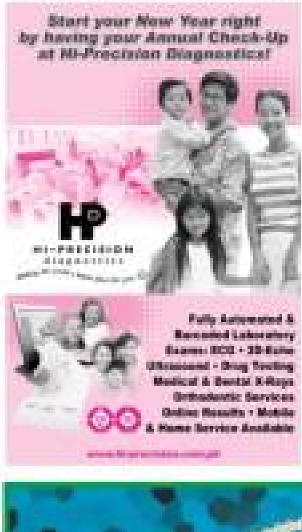
Film Academy bares 2008 agenda

By Marinel R. Cruz

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Your life as a movie

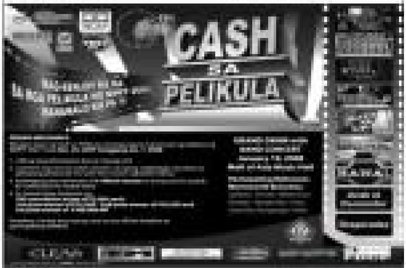




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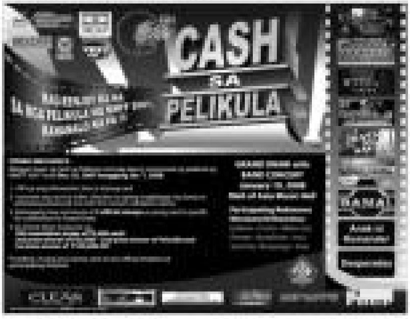
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Are they or aren't they?

'Not ready'

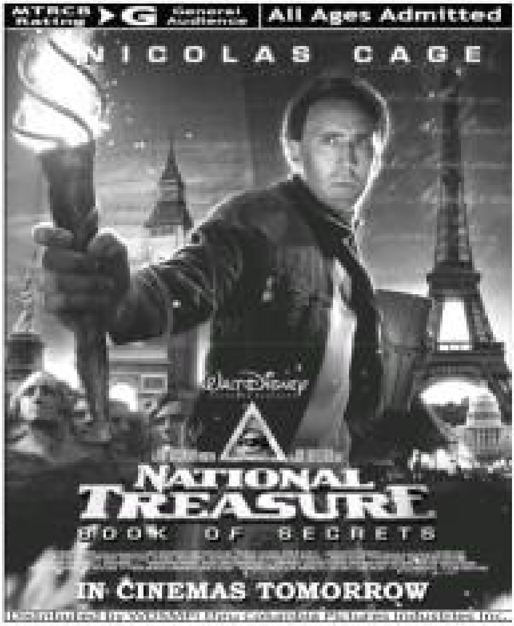
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A journey through jazz rhythms



Stars set to boycott Globe awards rites

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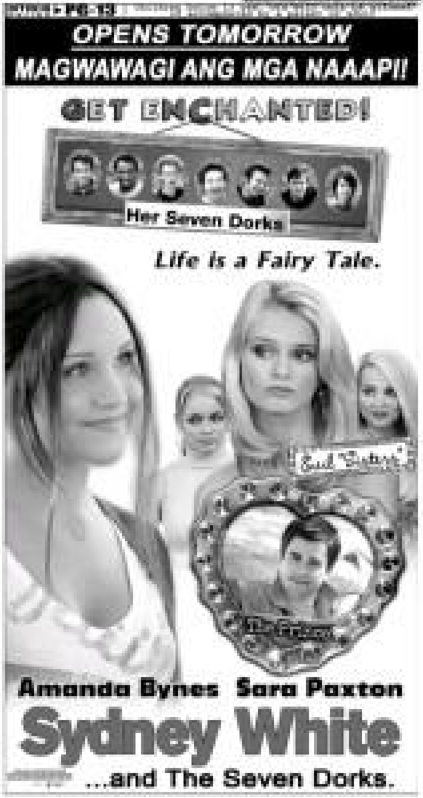
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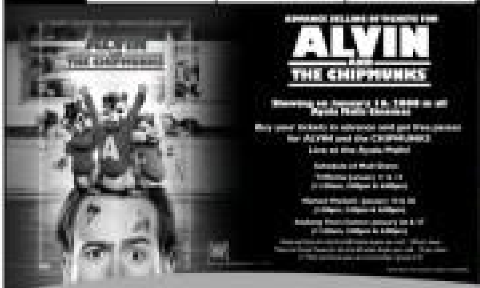
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Miffed mom speaks up for Dennis

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Man enough

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